GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3249
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2003
PILOT PROJECT FOR RURAL AREAS
SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA has desired that India to launch a pilot project to disseminate Agro-meteorological informationand Monsoon Research to rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether terms of both the countries held any discussions in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof;and

(e) the benefits likely to accrue to both the countries from this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a),(b),(c),(d) & (e) A team of scientists from USA held discussions with Department of Science & Technology in February 2003 on possible co-operative projects under the umbrella of Indo-US collaboration. The themes include a pilotdemonstration project on Diffusion of Agro-meteorological information and Monsoon Research and dissemination to remoteareas through Radio and Internet (RANET). The project is aimed towards dissemination of agro-meteorological and monsoon related information to rural areas towards helping agricultural operations.